IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO



NOTICE FROM THE CLERK NO. 04-39

<u>Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule</u> <u>Approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States,</u> <u>Effective January 1, 2005</u>

The Judicial Conference of the United States is the principal policy-making body for the federal court system. The chief justice serves as the presiding officer of the Conference, which is composed of the chief judges of the 13 courts of appeals, a district judge from each of the 12 geographic circuits, and the chief judge of the Court of International Trade. The Conference meets twice a year to consider administrative and policy issues affecting the court system and to make recommendations to Congress concerning legislation involving the Judicial Branch. Fee adjustment actions are one of the strategies for controlling costs.

The Judicial Conference, at its September 2004 session, amended the Electronic Public Access (EPA) Fee Schedule to increase the PACER internet access fee from 7 cents to 8 cents per page, effective January 1, 2005. The fee increase will enable the judiciary to continue to fully fund the EPA Program and CM/ECF implementation costs.

As per the Judicial Conference's EPA Policy, no fees shall be charged to federal agencies or programs which are funded from judiciary appropriations, including, but not limited to, agencies, organizations, and individuals providing services authorized by the Criminal Justice Act, and bankruptcy administrator programs.

Local, state or federal government agencies, members of the media, attorneys or others not members of one of the groups listed above are not exempt from payment of the prescribed EPA fees.

A copy of the new EPA Fee Schedule, effective January 1, 2005, may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk or by visiting the Court's internet homepage at www.prd.uscourts.gov.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 12th day of November, 2004.

FRANCES RIOS DE MORAN, ESQ. CLERK OF COURT